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SUBJECT : PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER SHIPMENTS TO FRANCE

REF : STATE 192209

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION REVEALS FOLLOWING :

1. KHIAN-WAVE ARRIVED BORDEAUX JULY 24 WITH 13,370 TONS FERTILIZER.

2. TRANSIT AGENT IN BORDEAUX (DOCKS INDUSTRIELS, TEL.56/063320 BORDEAUX-BASSENS) STATES HE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM CONSIGNEE (ENGRAIS-PHOSPHATES-MINERAIS, 32 RUE DE LA BIEN-FAISANCE, 75008 PARIS) TO CLEAR 10,000 TONS THROUGH BORDEAUX FRENCH CUSTOMS. MR. FOULON OF EPM IN PARIS NOT YET PROVIDED CLEARENCE AUTHORIZATION FOR REMAINING 3,370 TONS. FRENCH CUSTOMS AUTHORIZE BORDEAUX STORAGE FOR 45 DAYS.

3. COMMENTS : LOCAL INFORMATION INDICATES BORDEAUX CUSTOMS HAS NO OBJECTION TO ENTRY THE REMAINING FERTILIZER PENDING NECESSARY FRENCH LICENCE IS GRANTED. POST ASSUMES MR. FOULON OF EPM THEREFORE IS HAVING DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING THIS ADDITIONAL IMPORT LICENCE THROUGH FRENCH AUTHORITIES IN PARIS.

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4. PERHAPS AMERICAN EMBASSY PARIS CAN PROVIDE ADDITIONAL

DETAILS ON PARA 3.

5. FYI : INFORMAL INFORMATION STATES POSSIBILITY OF RELUCTANCE
ON PART FRENCH MINISTER DE L'INDUSTRIE ET DE LA RECHERCHE IN
PARIS TO GRANT THIS AUTHORIZATION DUE TO THE ALLEGED FACT
THAT U.S. REFUSED IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN FRENCH PRODUCTS
E.G. METALLURGIC COMPOUNDS. NOTE : SOURCE FOR THIS INFO
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